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EXPERIENCE OF A YOUNG SOLDIER

IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Seasickness and Bravery—Taking of the Ladrone—In Manila Bay—

Sentry Duty—Capture

of the City.

The following letter, written at Manila, October II, has just been received by Mr.

J. B. Ferguson, of Rosedale. It is from his brother, Charles J. Ferguson, who is a member of Company D, Second Oregon Volunteers:

We left San Francisco on the "Australia" on the 25th of May and on the 3th I was a dead to the world, as well as on the 25th and 28th. The man that invented or first thought of scasickness ought to be huns, as it is the worst feeling a man ever had and while sick ne wishes and prays for death to relieve him from his misery. It was a sorry looking jot of soldiers the first two or three days out and a good healthy Spaniard with a sik-shooter could have held up the whole gang. The night of the second day we sighted a steamer going toward San Francisco and when owner over did selves aimost. We arrived in Honoluti, Hawatian Islands, on the deck near me remarked that he wished to Good it was and she would send the whole biamed ship to the bottom, and the way I felt, "then there was my sentiments, too." However, around again and in, a day or so were owned as the complete of the state capitol grounds by the finders and after our fast of well and health and the state capitol grounds by the finders and after our fast of well and health and the state capitol grounds by the finders and after our fast of well and health and the state capitol grounds by the finders and after our fast of well and health and the state capitol grounds by the finders and after our fast of well and health and the state capitol grounds by the finders and the state capitol grounds by the finders and after our fast of well and the state capitol grounds by the finders and the first two first the first two first the first two



During the early part of last month a Paris dispatch stated that the entire edition of Le Petit Journal of November 6 had been seized at the instance of Count Muster, the German ambassador, because it contained an offensive caricature of Eneror William. The picture is entitled "L'Emperor D'Allemagne en Voyage"

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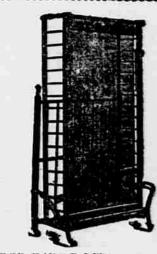
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From the New Orleans Times-Democrat.

"The small banana planter of Honduras is the happlest creature on earth," said a local shipper, "and nothing ever removes him from his philosophic calm. The frightful hurricane which raged along the Hondurian coast on the 1st of the month absolutely destroyed scores of little plantions. The trees were plucked out of the earth like blades of grass, the fragile buildings were blown into kindling wood, and nothing whatever left to tell the tale. Happening anywhere else, such a disaster would have been a tragedy of the first ordurian coast on the list of the month alsolutely destroyed sectors of littic plaints and solutely destroyed sectors of littic plaints are consistent of the month alsolutely stated in the litting of the day, it is no uncommon thing for him to speak the form of the line of the consistent of the month alsolutely suffered to a great draught at my feet. I happened to the agreed the state of the financial control of the constraint of the constrai



Russians as Linguists.

From the English Gentleman's Magazine.

The Russian is undoubtedly the great-



WILL PREACH IN LA CROSSE. Mrs. Nellie Mann Ondale to Fill a

Universalist Pulpit in Wisconsin. After hearing her preach on several oc-casions, and being more impressed with her. There is one young man in this city who

gregation of St. Paul's Universalist church comes to betting with the fair sex. at La Crosse, Wis., extended a call to Rev.

Neille Mann Opdale of Racine. Mrs. Opdale
has accepted. This gifted and earnest
preacher was born at New Lisbon in 1899.
Within a year after graduating from the
public schools of Racine she obtained a
position as teacher, which she held until her

It happened that the young woman was
a Harvard enthusiast, and she promotive
called the turn, offering to wager that Harvard would prove the victor. A box of
candy was suggested for a wager, but this
was scorned by the young man, who per-



MRS. NELLIË MANN OPDALE.

just about this time of year, and I tell you it does get cold up in the hills along about now.
"Well, I was broke, didn't have a copper,

"Well, I was broke, didn't have a copper, and had strolled in to a gambling house to get a warm-up. There were several games going on, and when I had thawed out a little I walked over to the faro layout where I went broke the night before. As I said, it was a very cold night, and, feeling a great draught at my feet, I happened to glance down at the floor to see where it came from, and there by the side of my right foot was lying what I thought to be a ounter.

SHE CALLED THE TURN.

Not Alone on the Football Game, but Also on His Little

ability on each succeeding occasion, the con- will not be so fresh in the future when it

vard would prove the victor. A box of candy was suggested for a wager, but this was scorned by the young man, who persisted that if he was to bet he desired it to be for stakes of some consequence, and proposed that she wager 100 choice cizars against a new dress. There are reasons for believing that he thought she would not be equal to the emergency, but he was sadily disappointed, for she accepted the wager. Of course, she won, but the funny part of the story remains to be told.

The young man visited one of the dry goods stores Monday and secured samples of dress goods from which the fair winner could select. The price ranged from 75 cents to \$1.25 a yard, and knowing the disposition to select that which cost the most he determined upon a very cute scheme or rather a scheme which looked very cute at the time.

He carefully attached price tags to the samples, marking the lower priced goods \$1.25 a yard and the \$1.25 samples 75 cents. Chuckling at his sharpness he presented the material for selection.

A little later on he went around to hear the decision. 'I like that piece of cloth,' said the young woman, picking up one of the pieces marked up from 75 cents, 'but this one is such a bargain that I think I shall take it. And besides,' she added, "It will let you down easier."

What he said was not intended for her ears, but he will purchase the \$1.25 goods, marked down by himself to 75 cents, but still sold by the merchant at the original price.

marriage four years later to Julius H. Opdale, an attorney of Eau Claire. Her husband died in 1872 and shortly afterward the widow went on the lecture platform on behalf of woman suffrage. While engaged in this work she appeared before the legislature twice, commanding close attention on both occasions. Meanwhile she had been licensed to preach by the Universalist considerable on the preach by the Universalist considerable of the preach by the Universalist considerable on the preach by the Universalist considerable on the preach by the Universalist considerable on the preach of the preached the charge at the state gathering of that denomination in 1895. Mrs. Opdale underwent a rigorous examination and sustained the ordeal with the greatest credit. Last June she preached for the first time to the congregation of St. Paul's at La Crosse. So well was she received that she was induced to spend her vacation there last September. During this time she preached twice more and the result was the call which she has just accepted.

IT WAS HARD LUCK.

A Gambler's Winnings on a Mythical Quarter and His Discomfiture.

From the New Yerk Sun.

"Talk about hard luck stories," said a reformed Western gambler, "I think I can discount anything you ever heard in that line. It was in the early days of Leadville, just about this time of year, and I tell you lit does get cold up in the hills along about the study of the parliament.

M. d'Epinny's Jeanne d'Are.

M. Prosper d'Epinay, has recently completed a statue of Jeanne d'Are.

M. Prosper d'Epinay, has recently com-leted a statue of Jeanne d'Arc in his studio

Rome.
M. d'Epinay's Jeanne d'Arc represents
M. d'Epinay's Jeanne d'Arc represents twenty years of special study. "The sub-ject," said the sculptor, "is an artistic prob-lem that has never been solved. Jeanne

